

Stage 1

Fire restrictions

The following acts are prohibited on all State lands and private forested lands lying within the boundaries of the marked counties.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a developed recreation site, or improved site.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Exceptions:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- All land within a city boundary is exempted.
- Other exemptions unique to each agency.

Level II Fire Restriction

The following acts are prohibited on all state and private forested lands under the protection of the DNRC lying within the boundaries of: (see map). The restrictions are as follows:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire except at a developed, designated recreation site or campground.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designed recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

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3. All felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting, welding, blasting, road building and other high fire risk operations must be terminated by 1300 hrs local time. Exceptions are helicopter yarding; seismic blasting confined by ten or more feet of soil, sand, or cuttings; earth moving on areas of cleared and bare soil. Sawing associated with loading operations may not necessarily be restricted.
4. Stop all burning and extinguish all debris burning fires.
5. A patrol is required for a period of two hours after felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting, blasting, road building, welding and other high fire risk operations and for one hour after the work shift. The patrol is responsible for checking for compliance with required fire precautions, as well as watching for emerging fires.

EXEMPTIONS

1. People engaged in emergency work, including but not limited to, FIREFIGHTING, FIRE PREVENTION, or LAW ENFORCEMENT, are EXEMPT while on official business.
2. Persons with a permit or other written authorization specifically allowing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Level III Fire Restrictions

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire or charcoal fire except at a developed, designated recreation site or campground.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designated recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.
3. Using chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting, road building, and other high risk operations between 1 p.m. and 1 a.m. local time. Exceptions are helicopter yarding and earth moving on areas of cleared and bare soil. Sawing incidental to loading operations on cleared landings is not necessarily restricted.
4. Using chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting, or any other operation within areas having a significant accumulation of dead or down slash or timber.
5. Welding, blasting (except seismic operations confined by ten or more feet of soil, sand, or cutting), and other activities with a high potential for causing forest fires.
6. A patrol is required for a period of two hours after woods operations including felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting, blasting, road building, welding and other high fire risk operations cease. A patrol is also required for one hour following the cessation of all work activity. The patrol is responsible for checking for compliance with required fire precautions as well as watching for emerging fires.
7. Possessing or using motorized vehicles such as, but not limited to, cars, trucks, trail bikes, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles off of paved, gravel or dirt roads free of flammable vegetation except for persons engaged in a trade, business or occupation in the area.

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2. persons with a permit or other written authorization specifically allowing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

The DNRC State Forester is the person that designates areas and issues these proclamations.